

**ANNUAL REPORT
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CENSUS DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



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INFORMATION REPORT

Census Data Advisory Committee

I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Committee is charged to do the following under IC 2-5-19-19:

- “(1) Advise and assist the Bureau of the Census in the preparation and organization of decennial census data for use by the General Assembly in reapportioning the following:
 - (A) The House of Representatives of the General Assembly.
 - (B) The Senate of the General Assembly.
 - (C) The United States House of Representatives.
- (2) Work with the Bureau of the Census in defining the boundaries of census blocks in Indiana.
- (3) Coordinate Indiana's efforts to obtain an accurate population count in each decennial census.
- (4) Work with other state and federal agencies to assist in the local review program conducted in Indiana.
- (5) Work with the Code Revision Commission to prepare legislation for introduction in the regular session of the General Assembly that meets during the year of the effective date of the decennial census under IC 1-1-3.5 to propose amendments to Indiana law to reflect the population information obtained as a result of the decennial census.
- (6) Study costs and other relevant aspects of acquisition by the state of a geographic information system.
- (7) Make recommendations concerning changes or amendments to IC 3 (the elections code) to the General Assembly, including legislation for the implementation and administration of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 15301 through 15545).”

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Committee met on September 12 and October 29, 2007. During the meeting of September 12, the Committee heard testimony and discussed the preparation underway for redistricting in 2011. The Committee heard testimony regarding the status of reimbursements from Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds. The Committee also heard testimony and discussed the situation in a few counties that had recently purchased voting systems with their HAVA allotment.

During the meeting of October 29, the Committee heard testimony from locally elected officials on voting practices within their jurisdictions and from state and local officials about the vote center pilot program. The Committee did not adopt a final report during the meeting of October 29.

Meeting minutes for the Committee can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.